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SUBJ: DENNIS AKUMU ON OATUU

REF: ADDIS 4433; LAGOS 3190

1. OATUU SEC GEN AKUMU MADE FOLLOWING POINTS IN RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBOFF.
2. AKUMU HAS EVERY INTENTION OF BEING FULL- TIME SEC GEN OATUU AND DENIES ANY INTENTION TURNING OPERATION OVER TO ODEYEMI WHO HE FEELS OWES HIS ELECTION TO AKUMU. AKUMU RECENTLY CABLED ODEYEMI ASKING HIM TO ARRANGE MEETING FULL OATUU SECRETARIAT IN ACCRA NEXT MONTH.
3. AKUMU WILL GO ACCRA MAY 12 FOR FOUR DAY MEETING DURING WHICH SECRETARIAT WILL MEET WITH ACHEAMPONG AND OTHERS TO WORK OUT DETAILS OF OATUU OFFICES ETC. AKUMU DOES NOT EXPECT TO RELOCATE PERMANENTLY IN ACCRA

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UNTIL FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS FIRM.
ESTIMATES SIX TO NINE MONTHS.

4. ON DISAFFILIATION ISSUE AKUMU FEELS IT WILL EVAPORATE
WITHIN THREE YEARS AND NATIONAL CENTERS WILL CONTINUE
DESIRED AFFILIATIONS WITH NO HARM TO OATUU.

5. AKUMU HAS RECEIVED AIR TICKET AND INVITATION FROM
TUNISIAN LABOR CENTER TO VISIT TUNIS TO EXPLAIN OATUU.
AKUMU BELIEVES HE CAN CONVINCE TUNISIANS TO ACCEDE TO
OATUU CHARTER.

6. AKUMU PLANS RESIGN HIS TWO MAJOR KENYAN OFFICES --
I. E., SEC GEN CENTRAL ORG TRADE UNIONS (COTU) AND
PARLIAMENTARY SEAT. UPON HIS RETURN FROM ADDIS, HOWEVER,
ATTY GEN NJONJO DELIVERED MESSAGES FROM KENYATTA ASKING
AKUMU NOT RPT NOT RESIGN EITHER POSITION UNTIL PRESIDENT
DIRECTS. AKUMU SAYS PRESIDENT DOES NOT WANT BY- ELECTION
IN HIS CONSTITUENCY AS ODINGA SUPPORTER MIGHT WIN.
PREFERS AKUMU HOLD SEAT UNTIL GENERAL ELECTION NEXT
YEAR. LIKEWISE PRESIDENT DOES NOT WANT NEW COTU ELECTIONS
AFTER FIASCO OF RECENT COTU POWER STRUGGLE.
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